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Preservation in a Stretch Cluster

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Group No. 2113

Examiner: Christopher S. McCarthy

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 23, 2004

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections. Applicants note that this response was mailed on Monday, January 24, 2005. January 23, 2005 was a Sunday, and January 24, 2005 is the first business day following January 23, 2005.